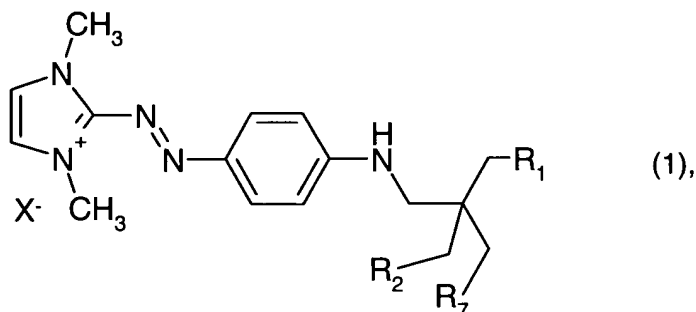


IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims to read as follows.

1. (currently amended): A composition for dyeing hair comprising a cationic dye of formula (1)



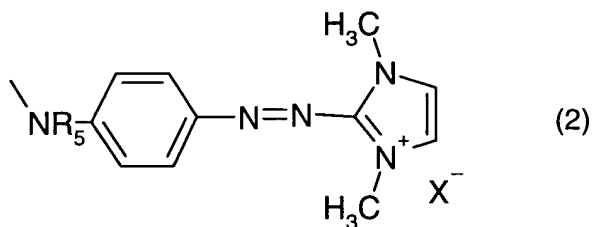
wherein

R₁ and R₇ are each independently of the other hydrogen, hydroxyl; unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₆alkyl, an aryl radical or C₁-C₆alkoxy; or -NR₃R₄,

wherein

R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the other hydrogen, an unsubstituted or substituted aryl radical or C₁-C₆alkyl, and

R₂ is hydrogen, hydroxyl, unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₆alkyl, an aryl radical or C₁-C₆alkoxy, -NR₃R₄, or an organic radical of formula (2)



wherein

R₅ is hydrogen, an unsubstituted or substituted aryl radical or C₁-C₆alkyl, and

X⁻ is an anion.

2. (currently amended): A composition ~~cationic dye~~ according to claim 1, wherein

R₁ and R₇ are each independently of the other hydrogen, unsubstituted C₁-C₆alkyl, -(C₁-C₆alkylene)-OH, -(C₁-C₆alkylene)-NR₃R₄ or -NR₃R₄, wherein

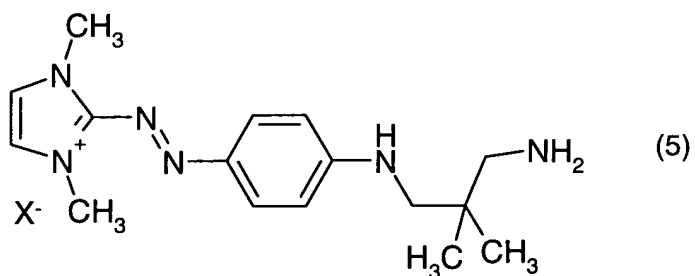
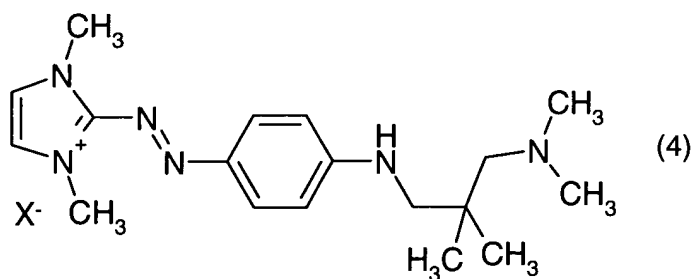
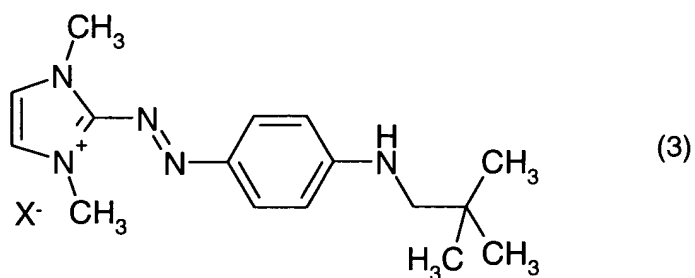
R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the other hydrogen or unsubstituted C₁-C₆alkyl, and

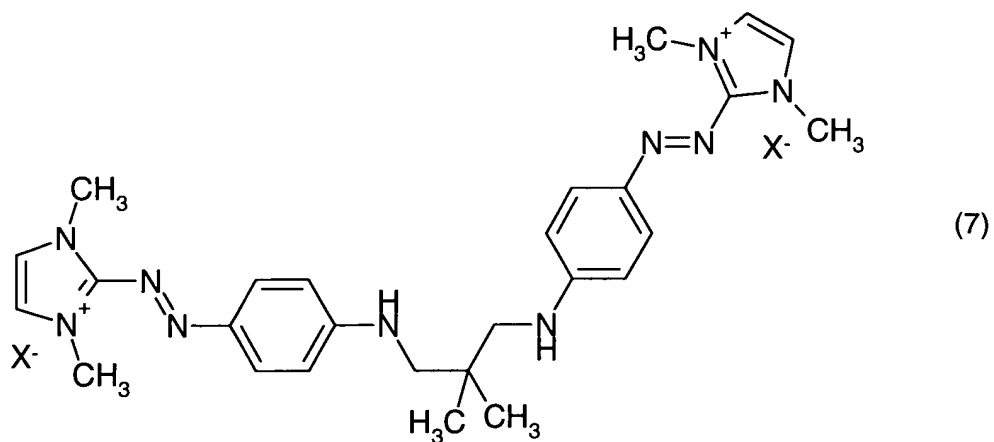
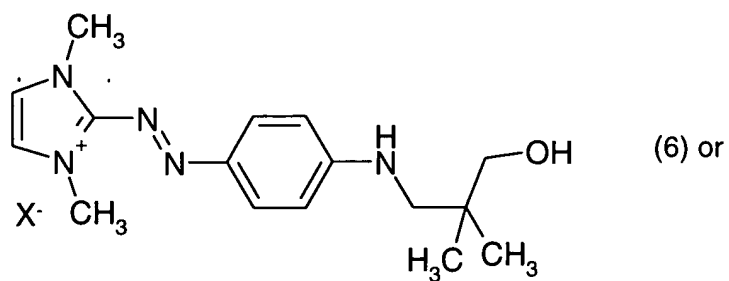
R₂ is hydrogen, hydroxyl, unsubstituted C₁-C₆alkyl, -(C₁-C₆alkylene)-OH, -(C₁-C₆alkylene)-NR₃R₄; -NR₃R₄, or an organic radical of formula (2) as described in claim 1.

3. (currently amended): A ~~composition~~cationic dye according to claim 1, wherein

R₁ and R₇ are hydrogen.

4. (currently amended): A ~~composition~~cationic dye according to claim 1 of formula (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7)

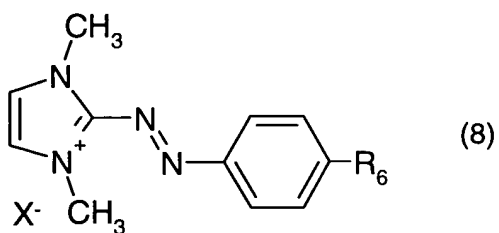




wherein

X^- is an anion.

5. (previously presented): A process for the preparation of cationic dyes of formula (1) as defined in claim 1, which comprises reacting a compound of formula (8)

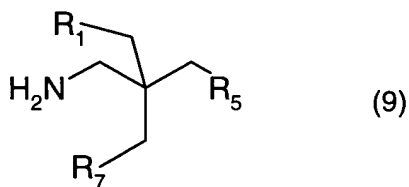


wherein

R_6 is C_1 - C_6 alkoxy or halide, and

X^- is an anion,

with an amine of formula (9)



wherein

R₁, R₅ and R₇ are each independently of the other hydrogen, hydroxyl; unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₆alkyl, an aryl radical or C₁-C₆alkoxy; -NR₃R₄,

wherein

R₃ and R₄ are each independently of the other hydrogen, an unsubstituted or substituted aryl radical or C₁-C₆alkyl; and

X⁻ is an anion.

6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended): A composition according to claim [[6]]1 comprising in addition at least a single further direct dye and/or an oxidative agent.

8. (currently amended): A composition according to claim [[6]]1 comprising in addition at least a single oxidative dye and/or; at least a single oxidative dye and an oxidative agent.

9. (currently amended): A composition according to claim [[6]]1 in the form of a shampoo, gel or emulsion.

10. (currently amended): A method of dyeing human hair~~organic material~~, that comprises bringing into contact with the organic material at least a single a cationic dye of formula (1) according to claim 1, and, optionally, a further dye.

11. (original): A method according to claim 10 for dyeing or tinting human hair.

12. (previously presented): A method for dyeing human hair or strands, that comprises contacting the hair with at least a single a cationic dye of formula (1) as defined in claim 1 and an oxidative agent and, optionally, a further direct dye.

13. (previously presented): A method for dyeing human hair, that comprises contacting the hair with at least a single a cationic dye of formula (1) as defined in claim 1 and at least a single oxidative dye; or contacting the hair with a cationic dye of formula (1) as defined in claim 1 and at least a single oxidative dye and an oxidative agent.

14. (previously presented): A composition according to claim 7 in the form of a shampoo, gel or emulsion.

15. (previously presented): A composition according to claim 8 in the form of a shampoo, gel or emulsion.